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# SONIC

## THE HEDGEHOG™

IT'S THE  
HOTTEST TITLE  
ON THE SHELF!

AND IT'S  
GOING  
**FAST!!**

IN  
THIS ISSUE:  
"OLYMPIC  
TRIAL  
AND  
ERROR"





# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

## IN "OLYMPIC TRIALS and ERRORS (part I)"

IS THE ONLY BASE-BALL PLAYER WHO CAN HIT A LINE DRIVE AND CATCH IT HIMSELF!

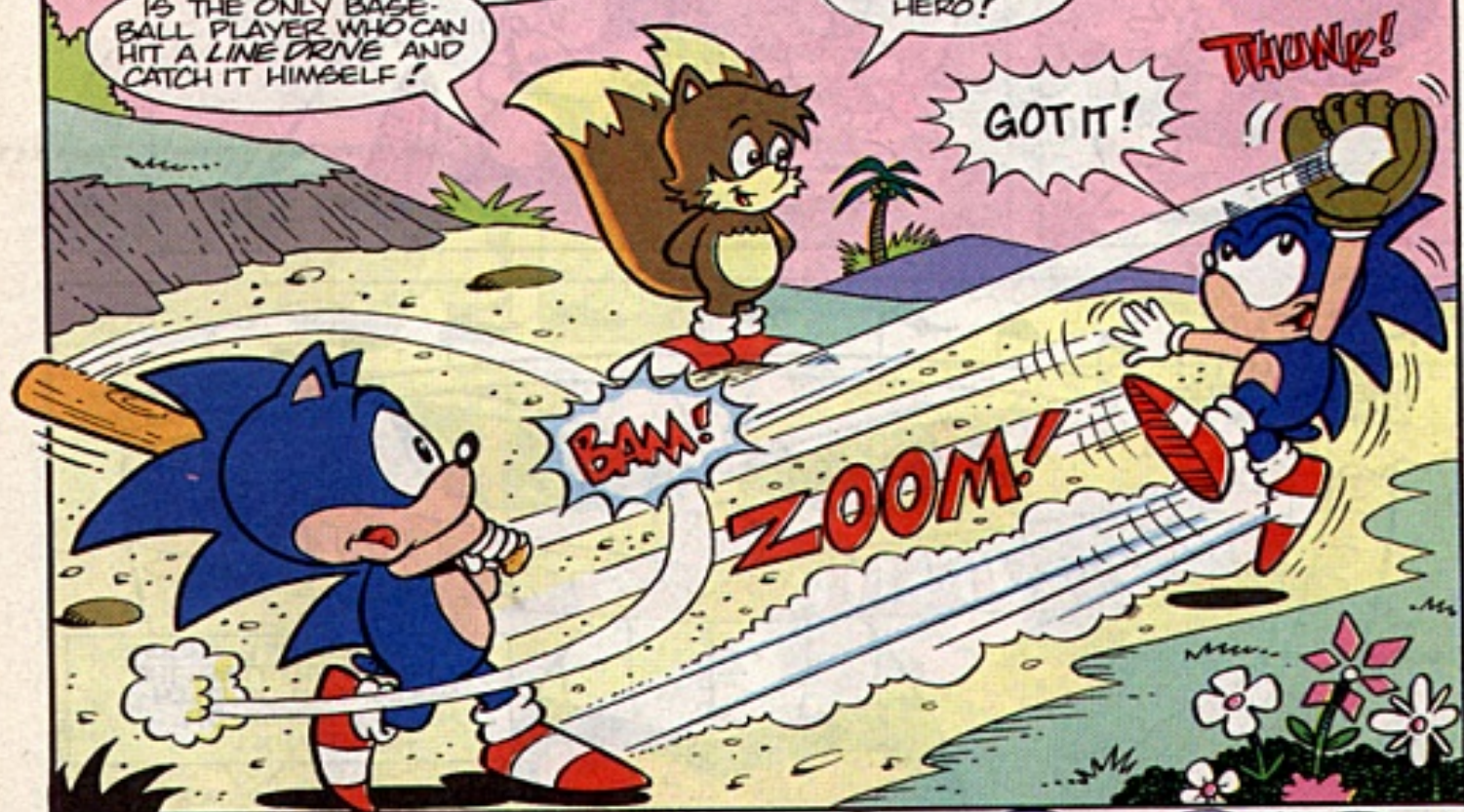
THAT'S WHY HE'S MY SPORTS HERO!

THUNK!

GOT IT!

BAM!

ZOOM!



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DAVE  
MANAK

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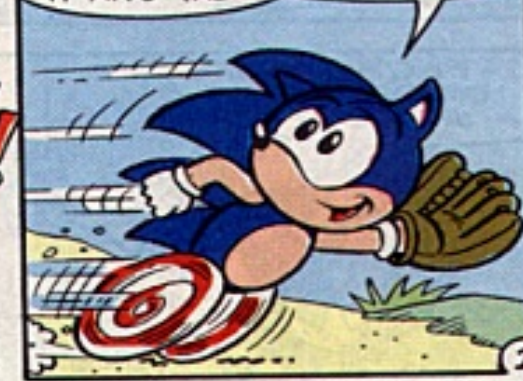
NOW I'LL HIT A LONG FLY BALL, TAILS!



POW!

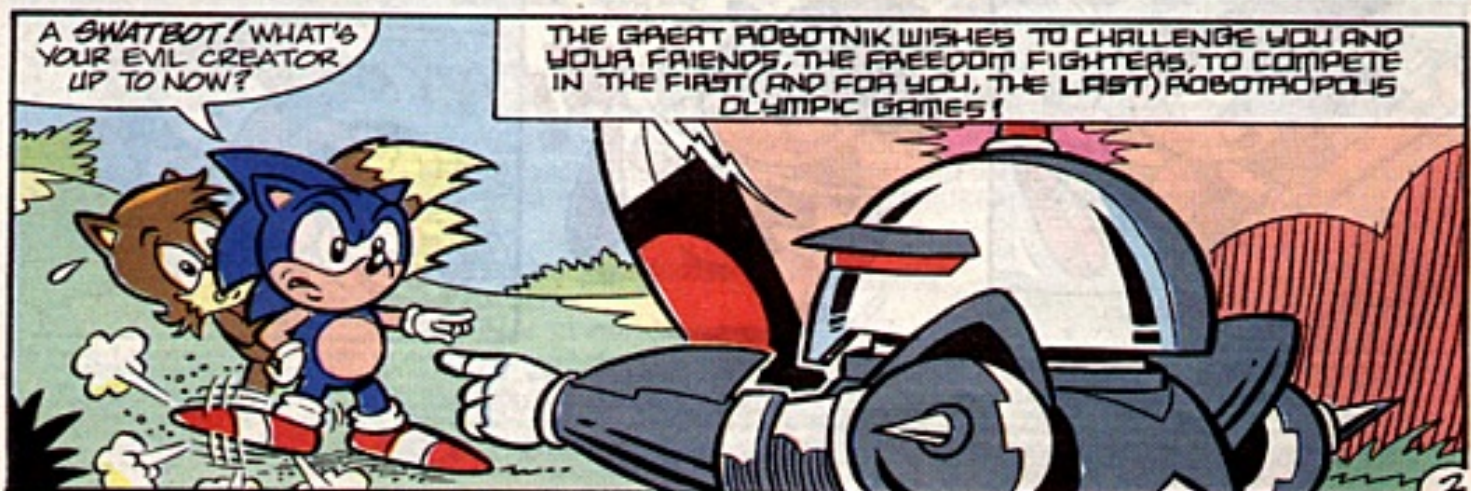
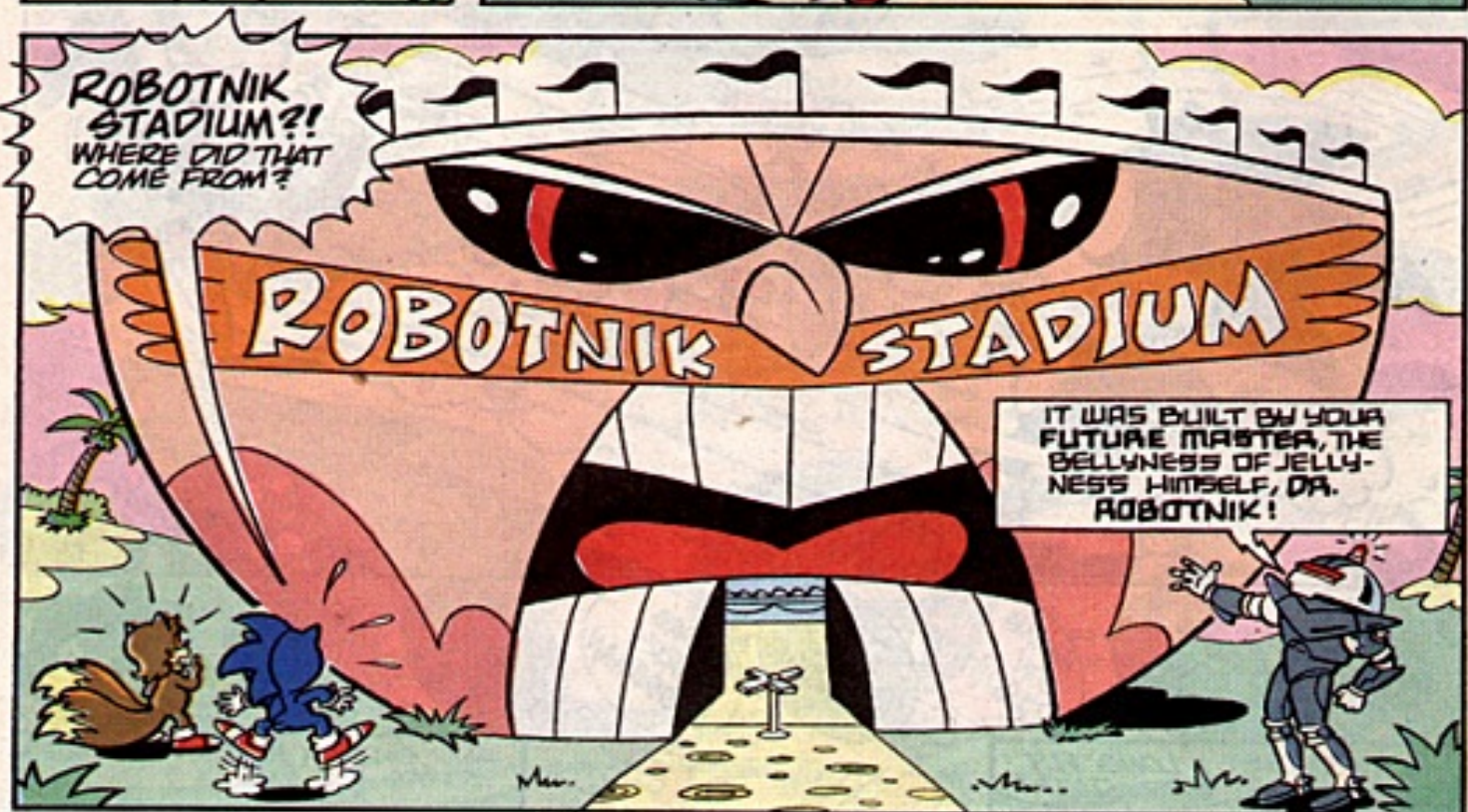
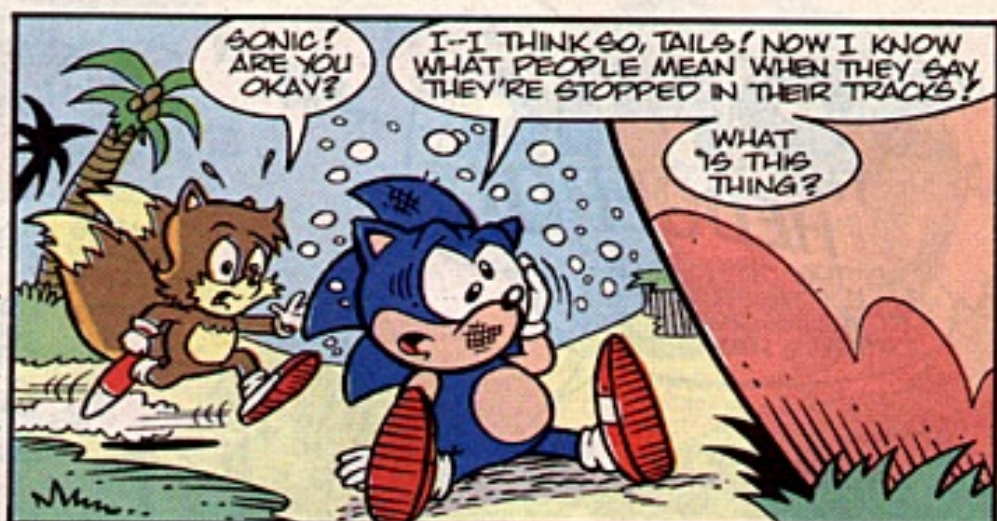


AND SNATCH IT EVEN BEFORE IT HITS THE...



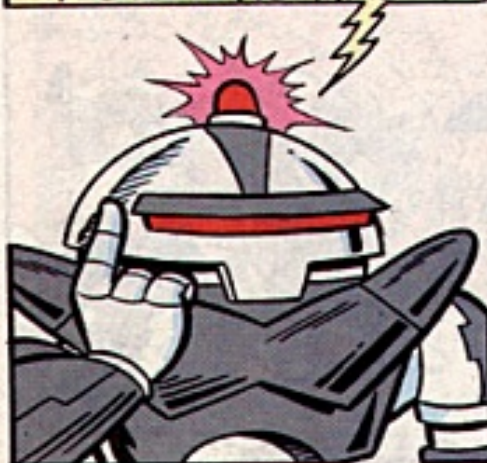
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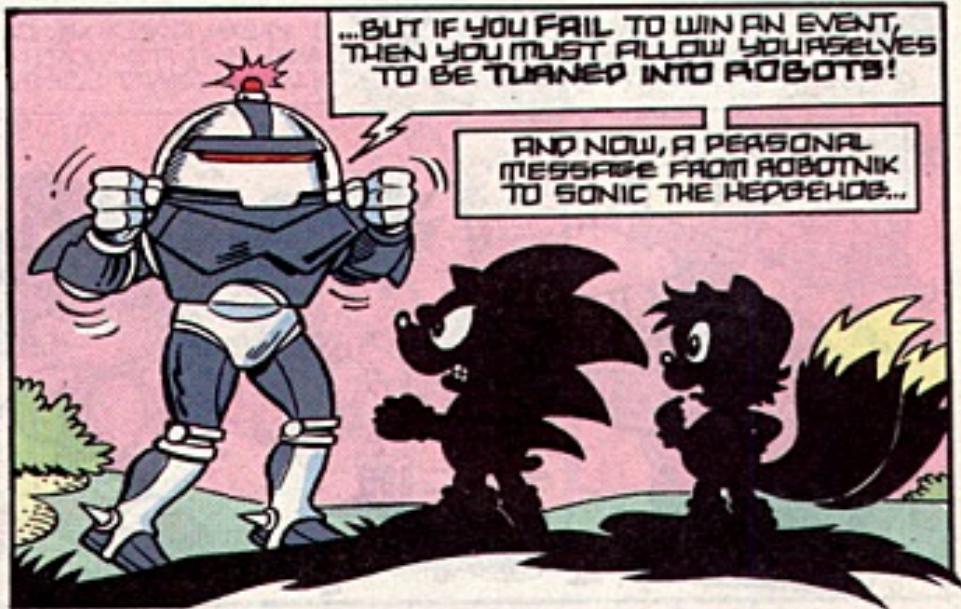


IF YOUR TEAM CAN WIN ONE OUT OF FOUR EVENTS, MY MASTER PROMISES TO RETURN PLANET MOBIUS TO NORMAL...



...BUT IF YOU FAIL TO WIN AN EVENT, THEN YOU MUST ALLOW YOURSELVES TO BE TURNED INTO ROBOTS!

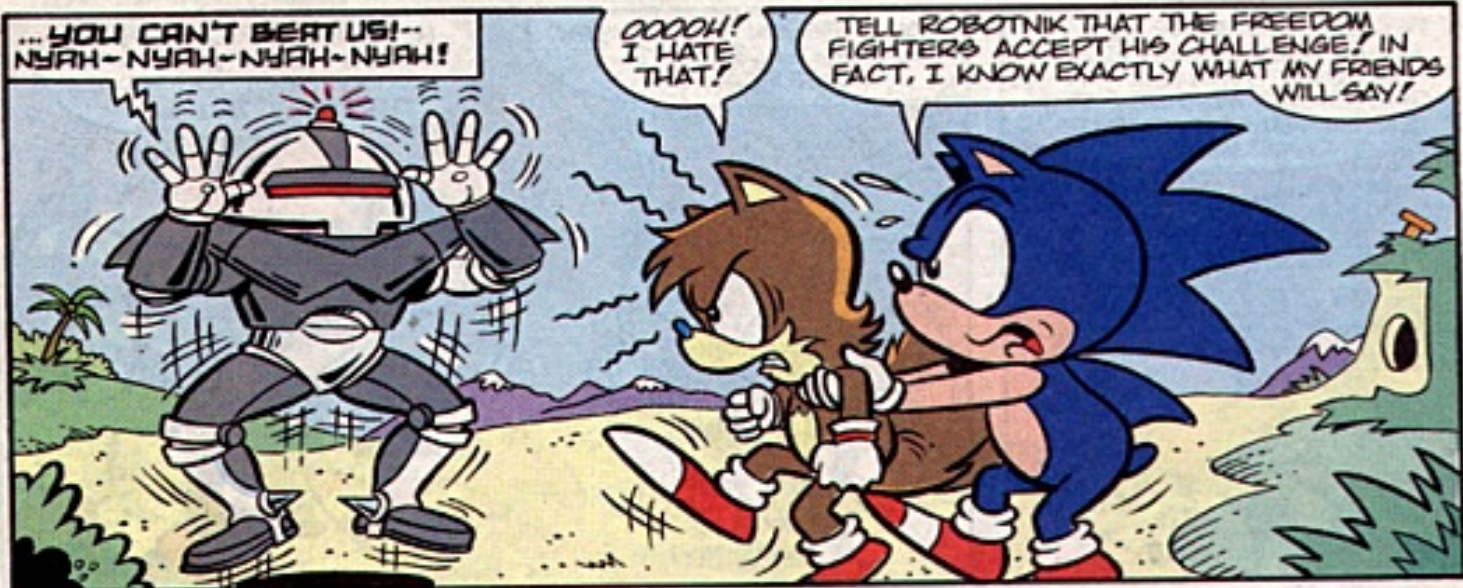
AND NOW, A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM ROBOTNIK TO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG...



...YOU CAN'T BEAT US!-- NYAH-NYAH-NYAH-NYAH!

OOOOH! I HATE THAT!

TELL ROBOTNIK THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ACCEPT HIS CHALLENGE! IN FACT, I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT MY FRIENDS WILL SAY!



BACK AT KNOTHOLE FOREST...

**NO WAY, SONIC!**

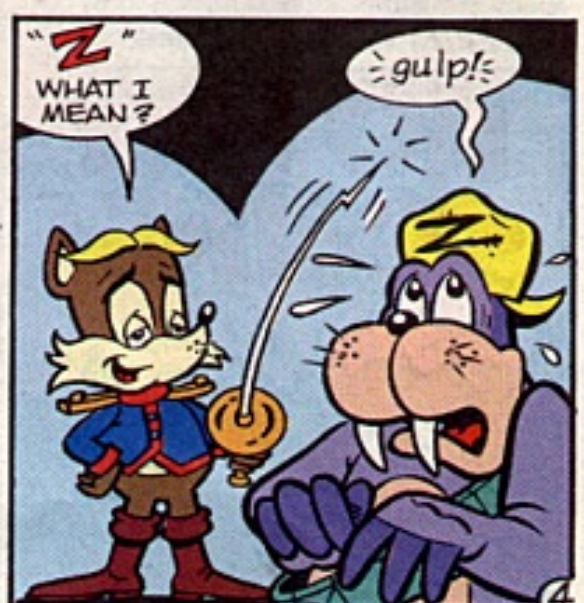
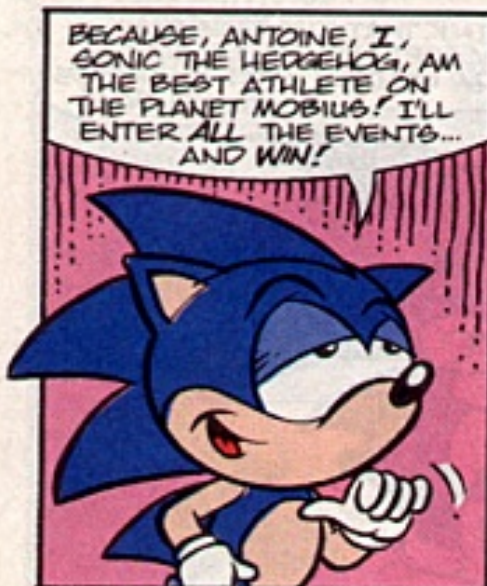
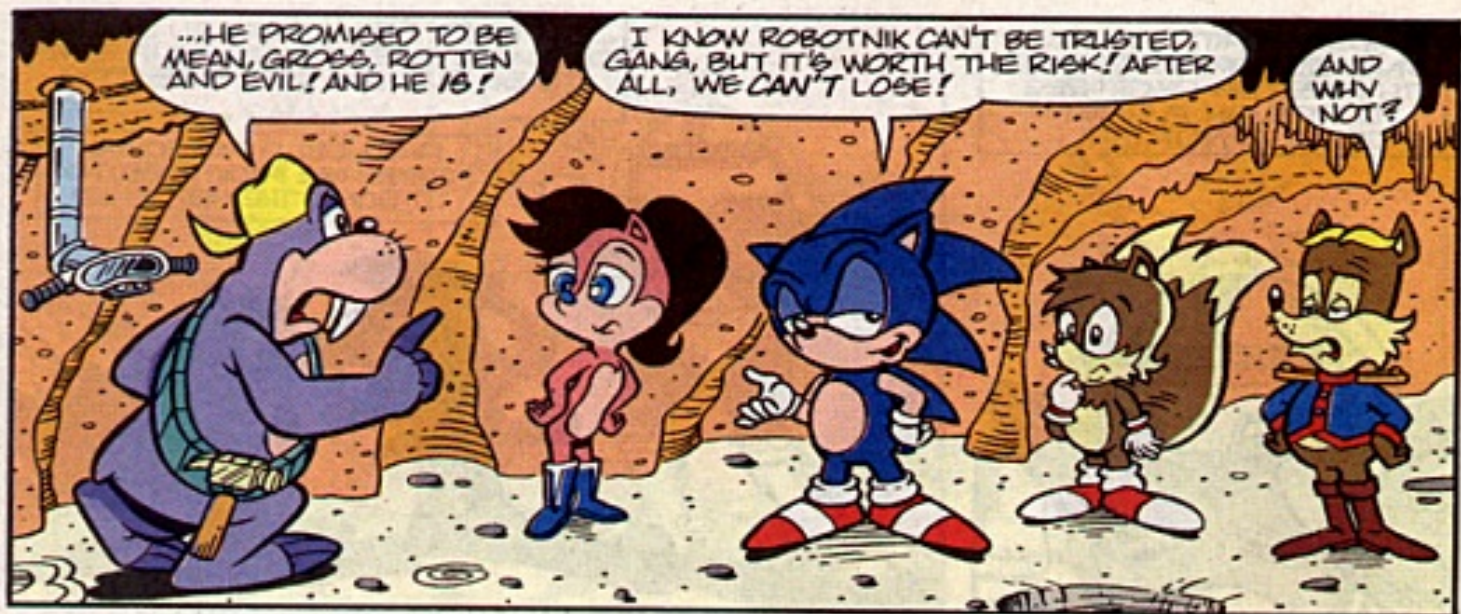


IT'S GOT TO BE A TRICK, SONIC! ROBOTNIK NEVER KEEPS HIS PROMISES!

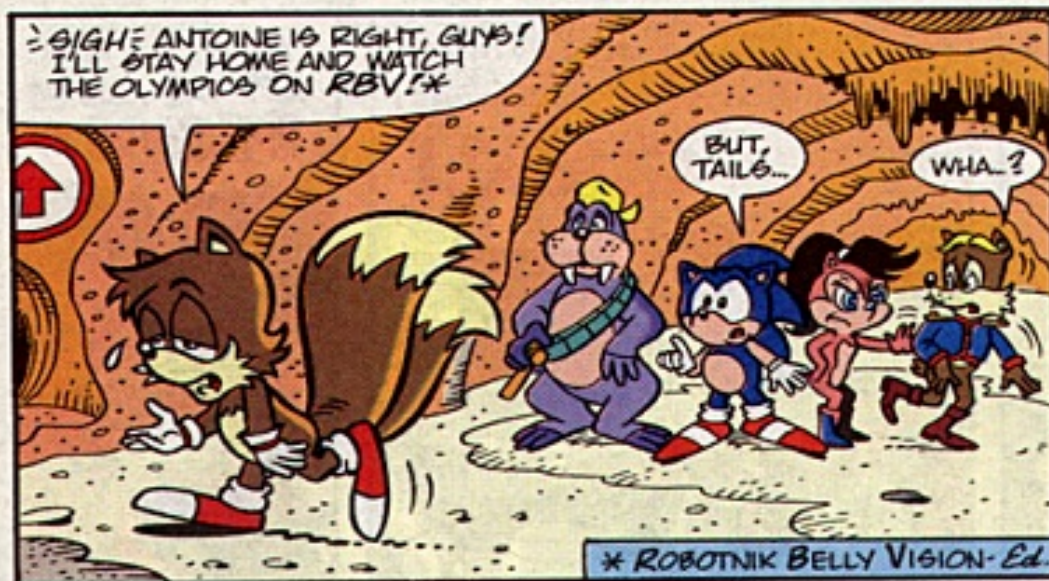
OH YES HE DOES, PRINCESS SALLY!

















# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

## IN "OLYMPIC TRIALS and ERRORS!" (PART II)

HAS HAD HIS  
ENERGY DRAINED  
BY MY SNEAKY  
SNEAKERS!

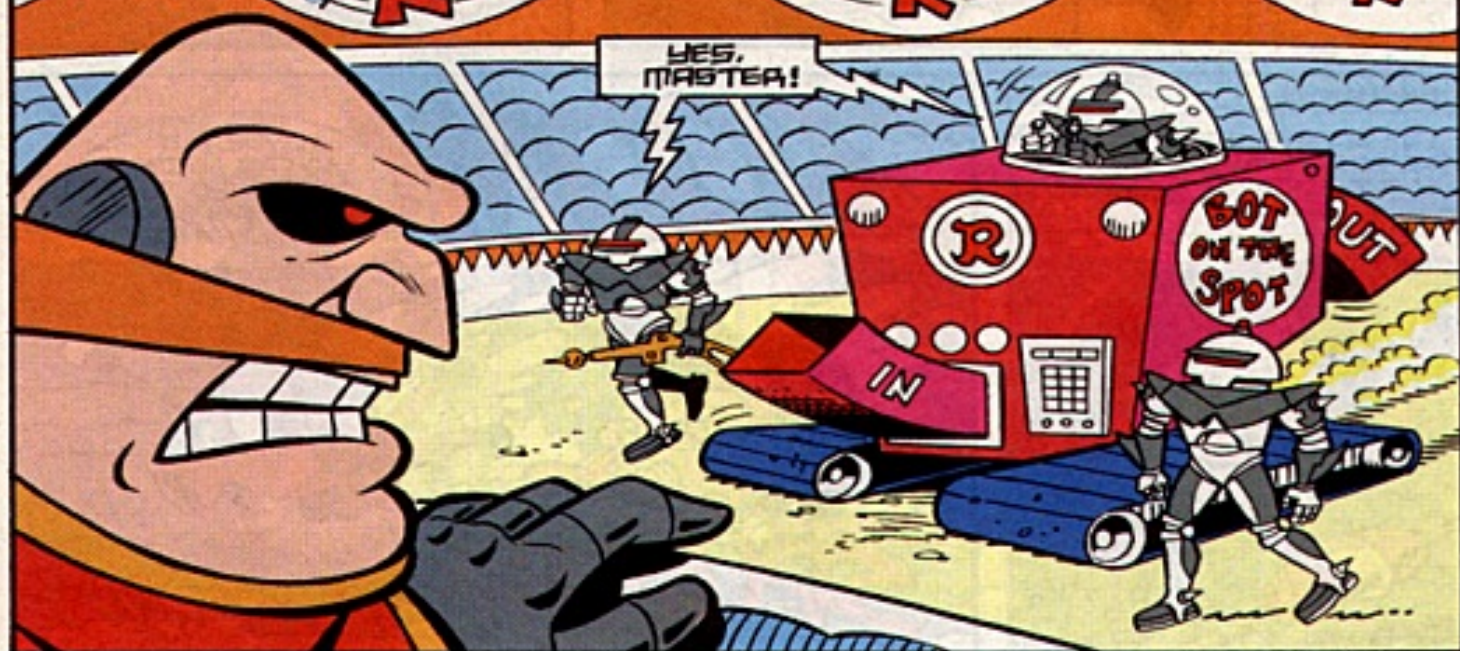
I WILL WIN THE  
OLYMPIOS! PREPARE  
THE PORTABLE ROBOT  
MAKING MACHINE!

### SCOREBOARD

THEM - (LOSERS)

US - (WINNERS!)

YES,  
MASTER!



HOLD ON, ROBOTNIK! IF  
SONIC CAN'T COMPETE, THEN  
ANTOINE, BOOMER AND I  
WILL TAKE HIS PLACE!



WE  
WILL?

VERY WELL, PRINCESS  
SALLY! I'LL ENJOY  
WATCHING YOU TRY  
TO DEFEAT MY  
TEAM OF EVIL AND  
POWERFUL  
BADNIKS!

GULP!





AND SO THE GAMES  
BEGIN WITH THREE  
EVENTS: THE  
LONG JUMP...

FIRST, THE PERFECT  
APPROACH!...



...THEN, THE  
PERFECT  
LEAP!...



... AND THEN THE  
PERFECT FLOP... LIKE  
MY EARS! LATER  
ON, 'TWAN!

SPRONG!

FLOP!!



...SWIMMING...

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN  
THE BEST SWIMMER  
IN THE FOREST!



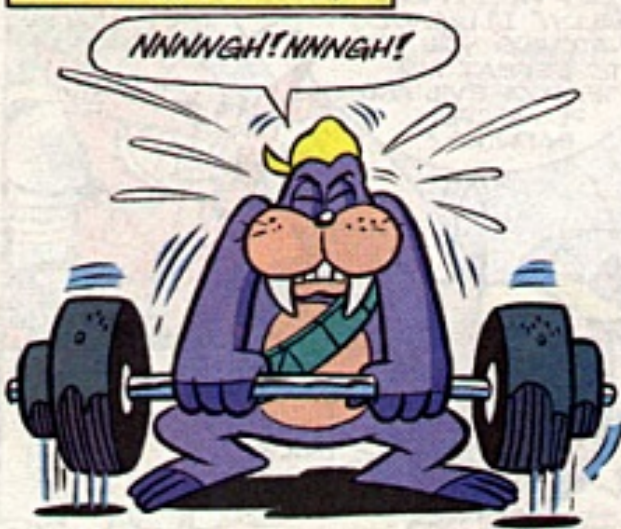
ZOOM!

MAYBE, BUT  
AS FAR AS I'M  
CONCERNED, YOU'RE  
ALL WASHED UP!  
HA HA HA HA!

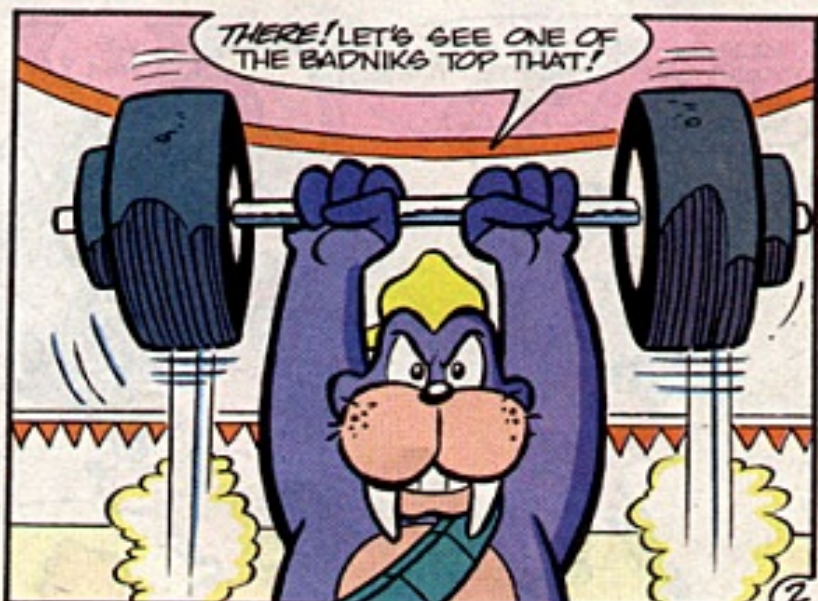


...AND WEIGHT LIFTING!

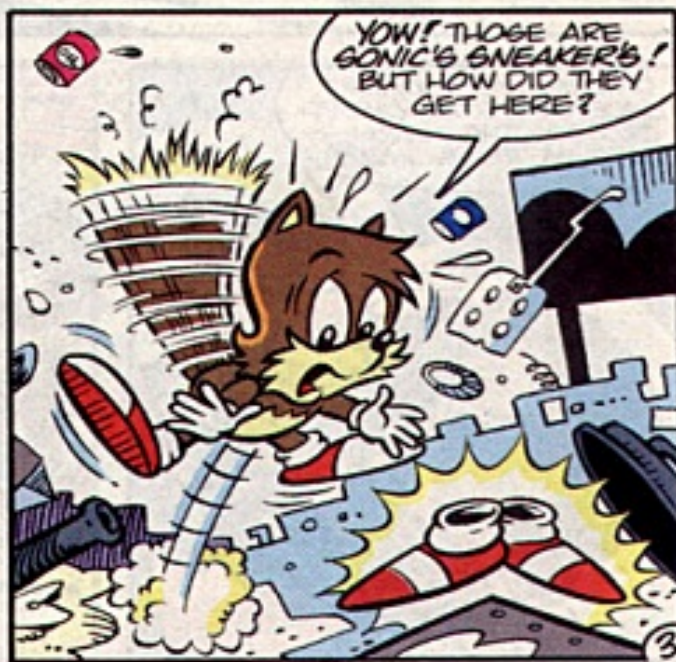
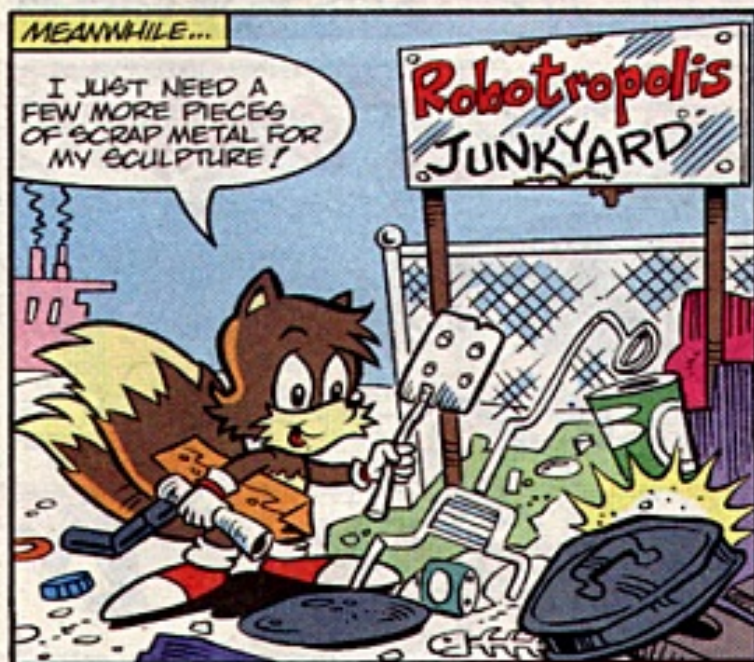
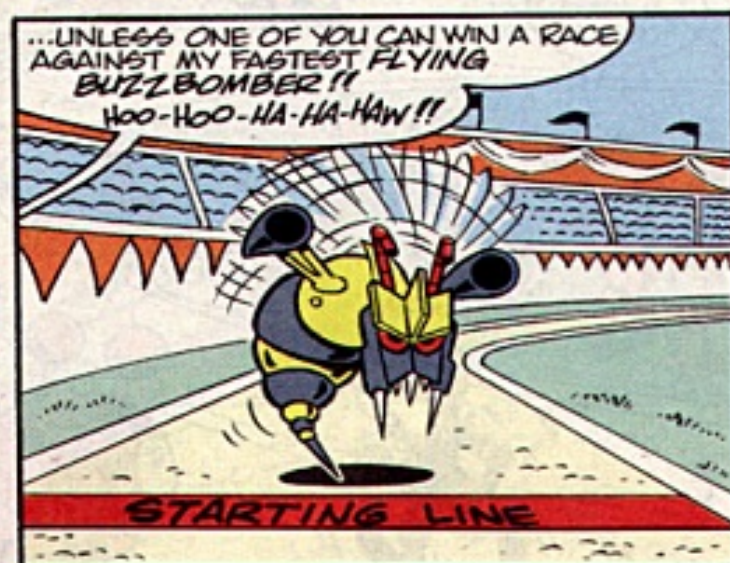
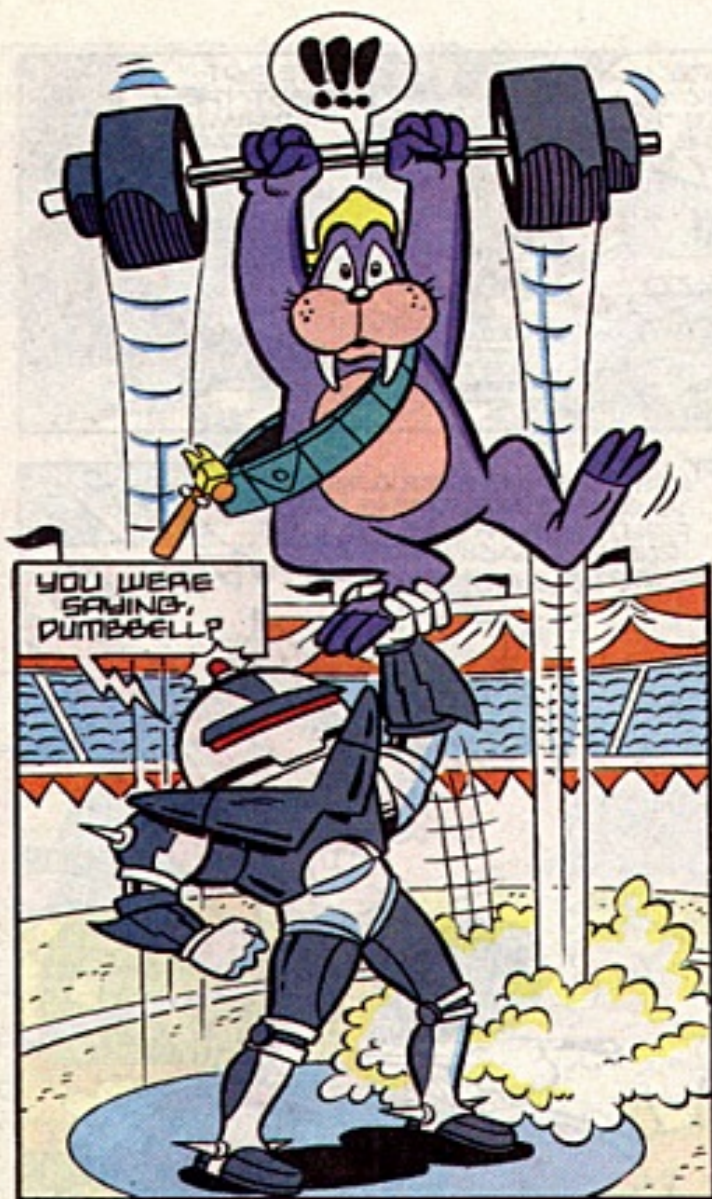
NNNNGH! NNNGH!



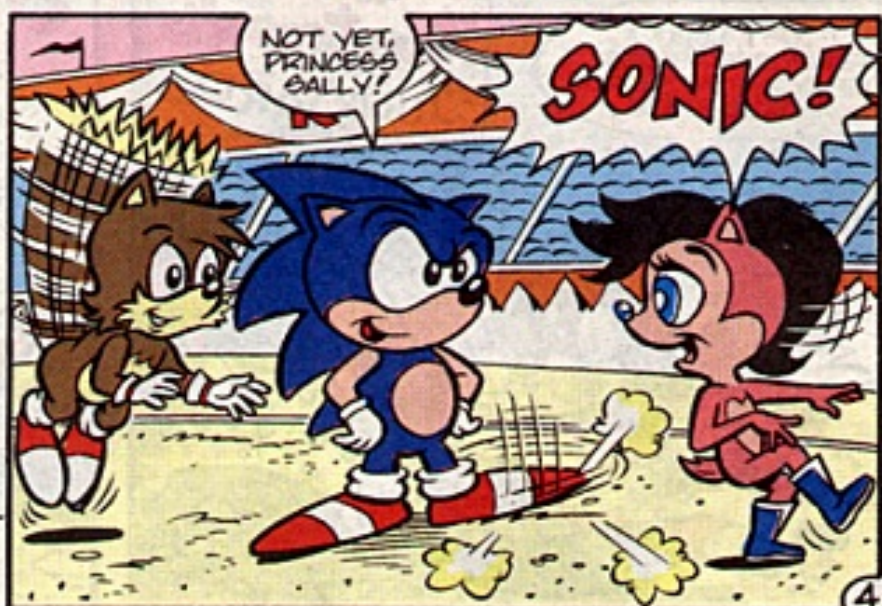
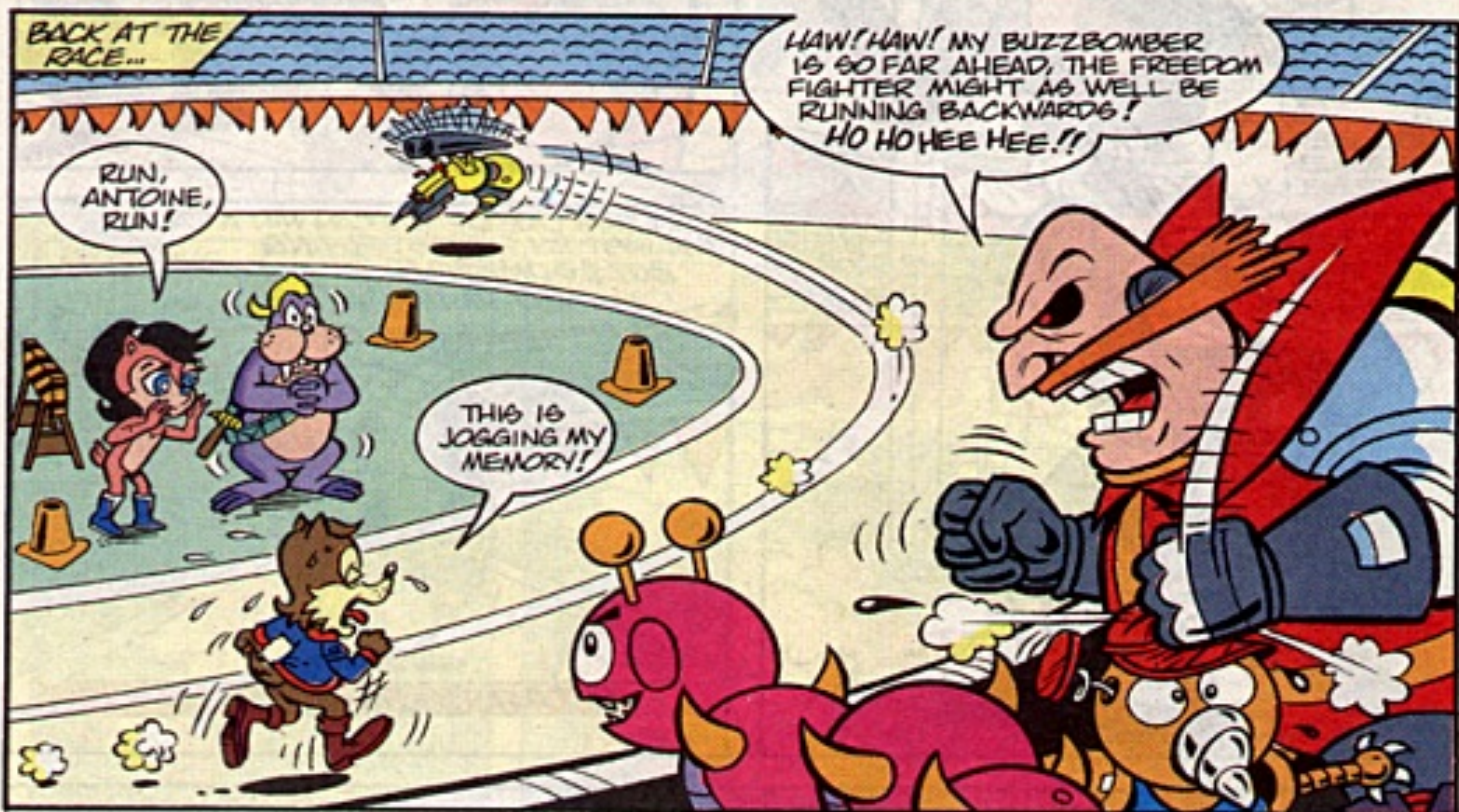
THERE! LET'S SEE ONE OF  
THE BADNIKS TOP THAT!



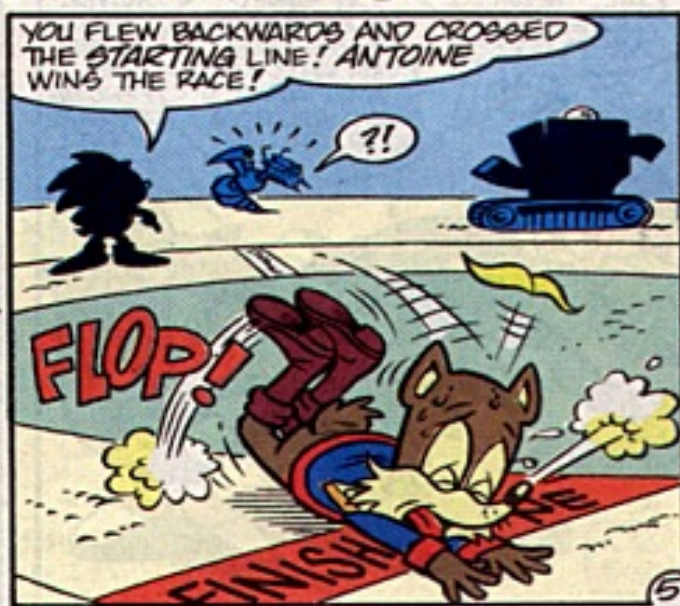
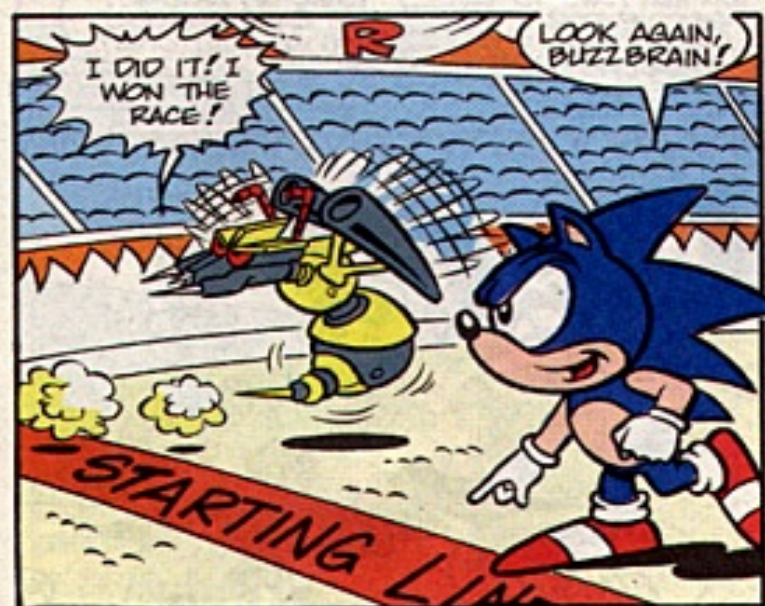
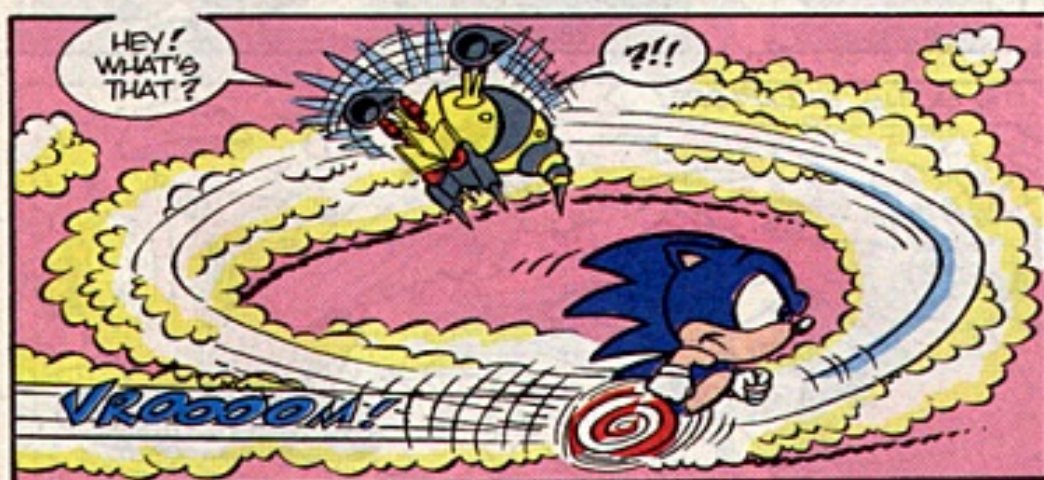




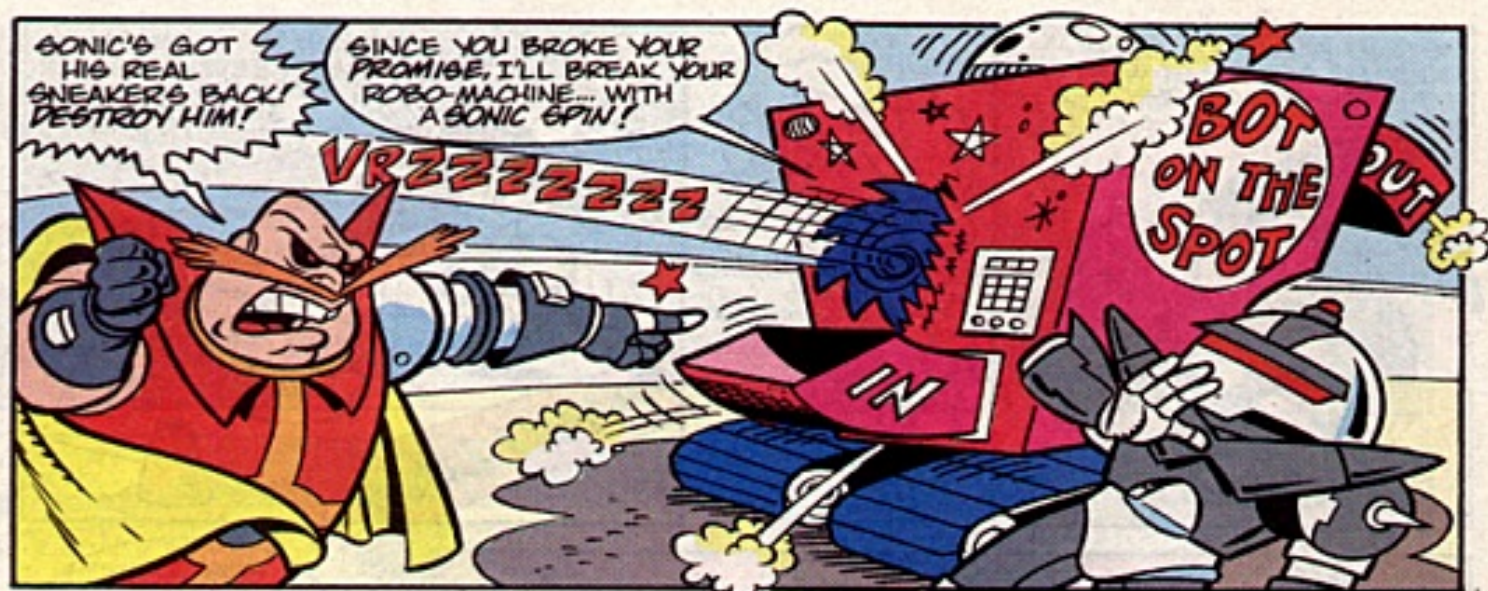




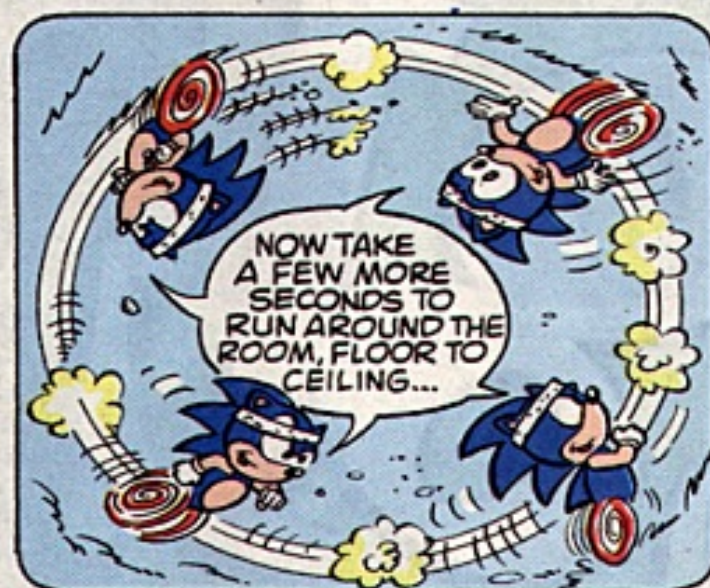














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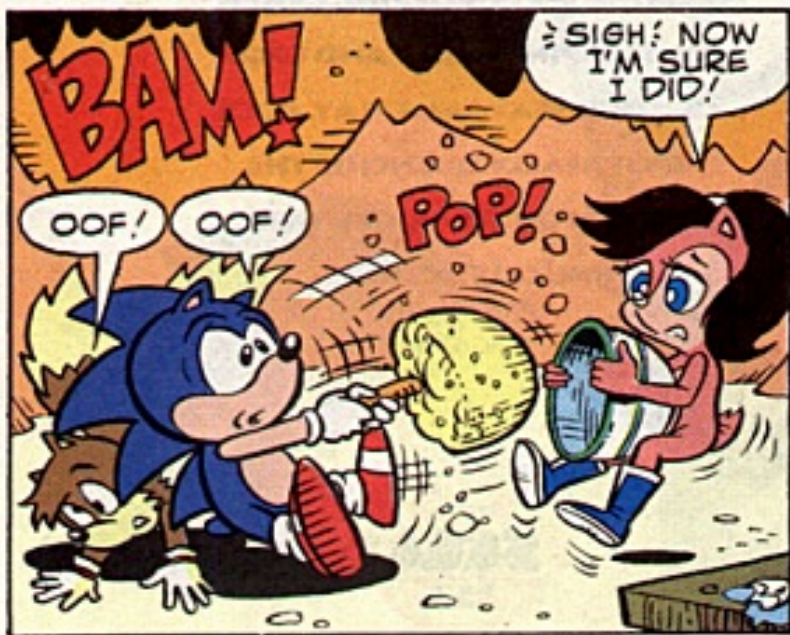
**in CHOMP ON THIS, CHUMP!**

SALLY, TAILS! LOOK AT THE GREAT ANT FARM THIS MAGAZINE IS OFFERING!

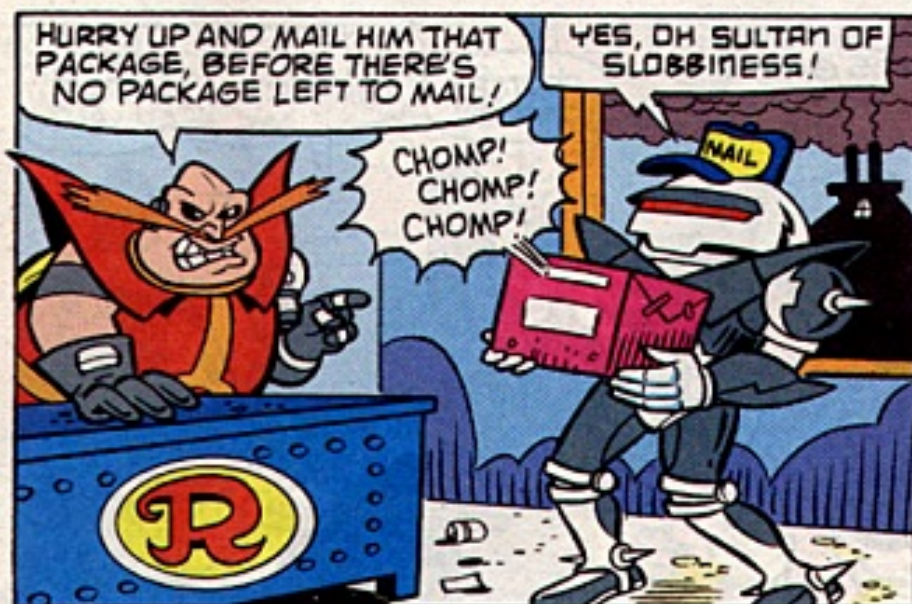
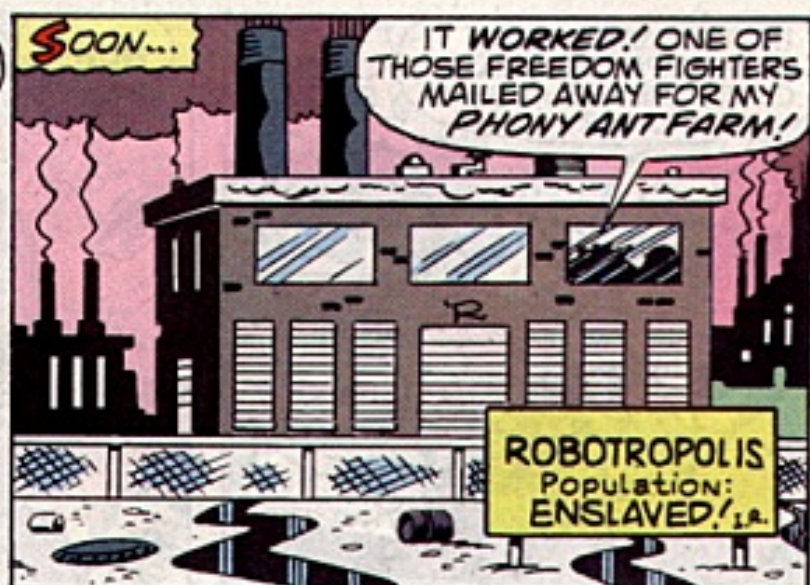
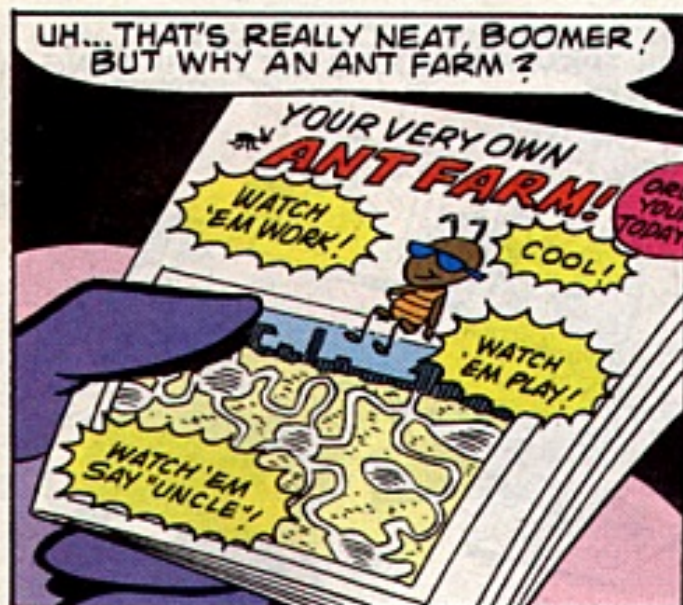
NOT NOW, BOOMER! WE'RE TRYING TO REMOVE THE SPOON FROM SALLY'S PANCAKE BATTER!

I MAY HAVE USED TOO MUCH FLOUR AND NOT ENOUGH WATER!

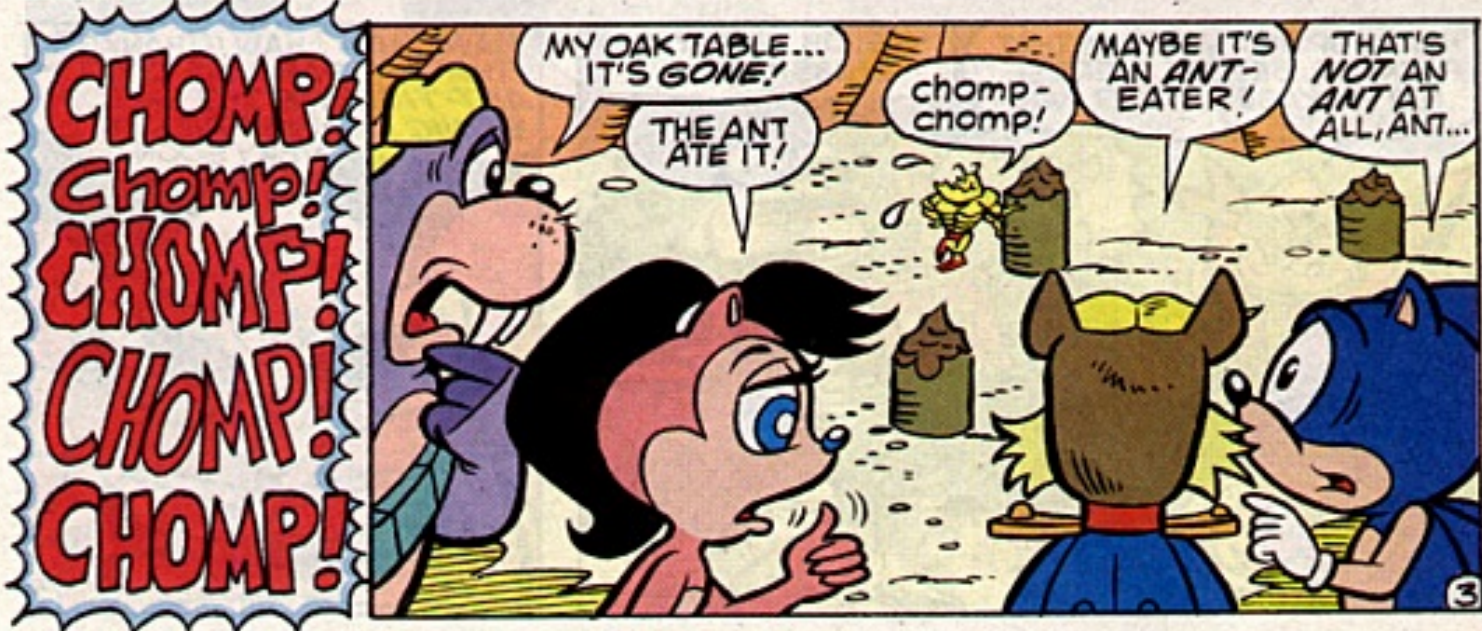
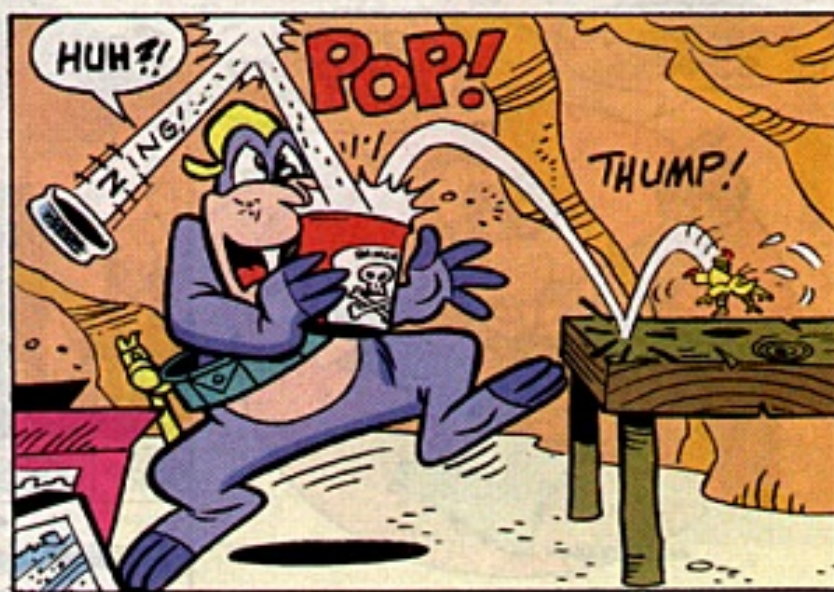
NNGH!!



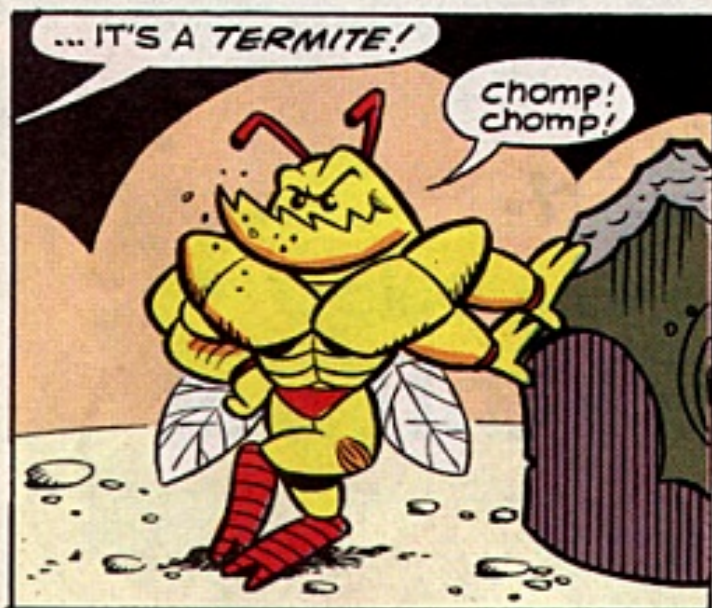








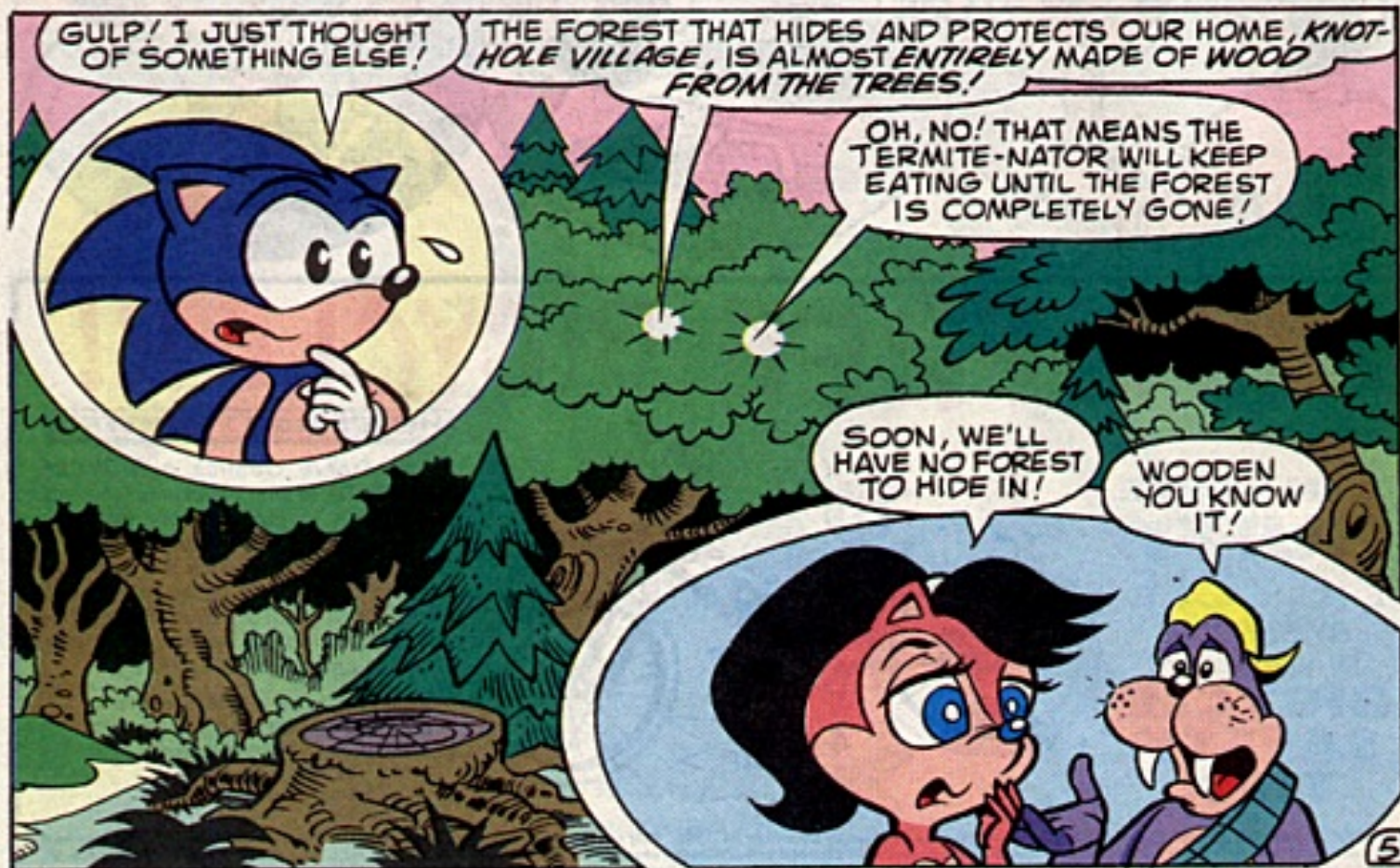
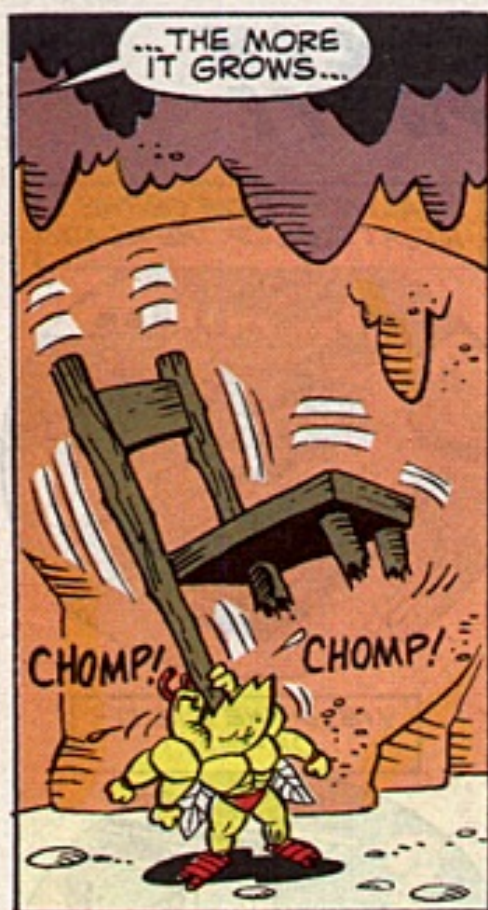




**CHOMP!**  
**CHOMP!**  
**Chomp!**  
**CHOMP!**  
CHOMP!









**A** SHORT WHILE LATER...

**CHOMP!  
CHOMP!  
CHOMP!**

THAT WAS OUR  
LAST PIECE OF  
FURNITURE,  
SONIC!

AND THIS  
IS OUR  
LAST BOOK!

OH, SONIC! NOT MY  
FAVORITE COOK-  
BOOK!

**SALLY!**

ISN'T THAT THE COOKBOOK YOU USED  
TO MAKE YOUR...UH... *EXTRA THICK*  
PANCAKE MIX YESTERDAY?

WHY, YES,  
BUT...

QUICK! READ  
ME THE EXACT  
SAME INGREDIENTS  
THAT YOU  
USED!

THIS CALLS FOR A  
NEW SONIC  
SPEED...

**MICRO-  
WAVE  
SPEED!**

WELL, I USED TEN  
CUPS OF PANCAKE  
FLOUR!

... MIX IN A  
DOZEN EGGS...

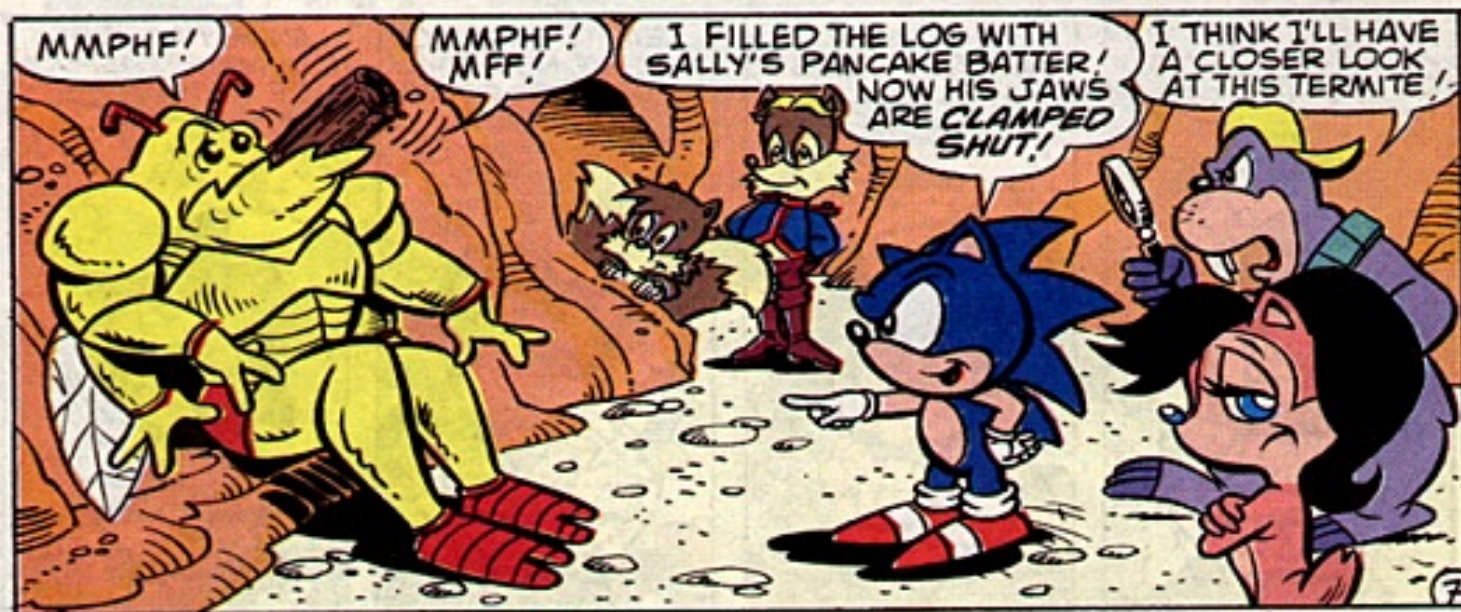
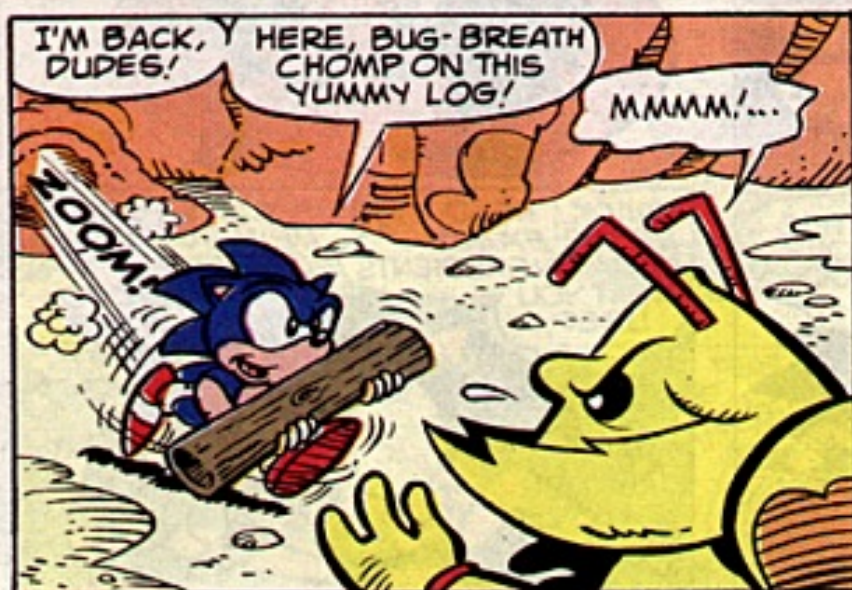
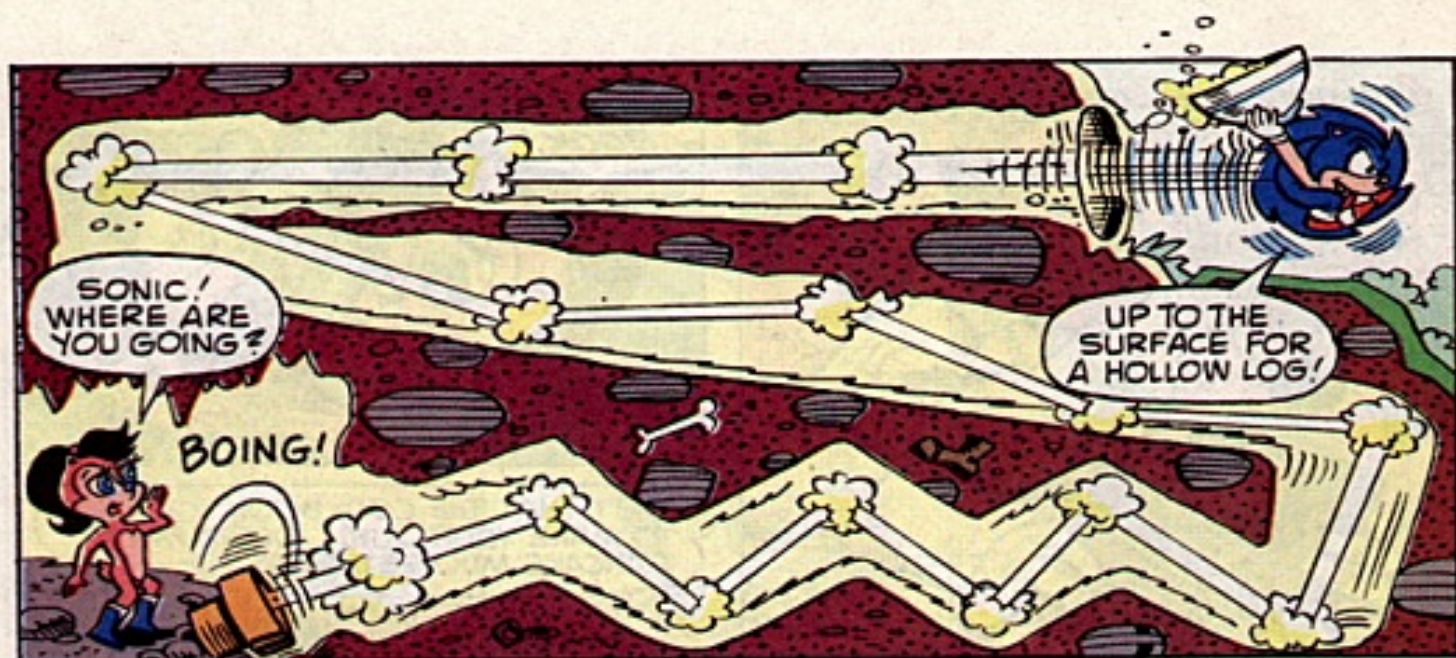
... EIGHT STICKS OF  
NON-FAT, NON-DAIRY,  
LO-CAL, HIGH-OCTANE  
MARGARINE...

...AND BY ACCIDENT  
ONLY ONE TEASPOON  
OF WATER!

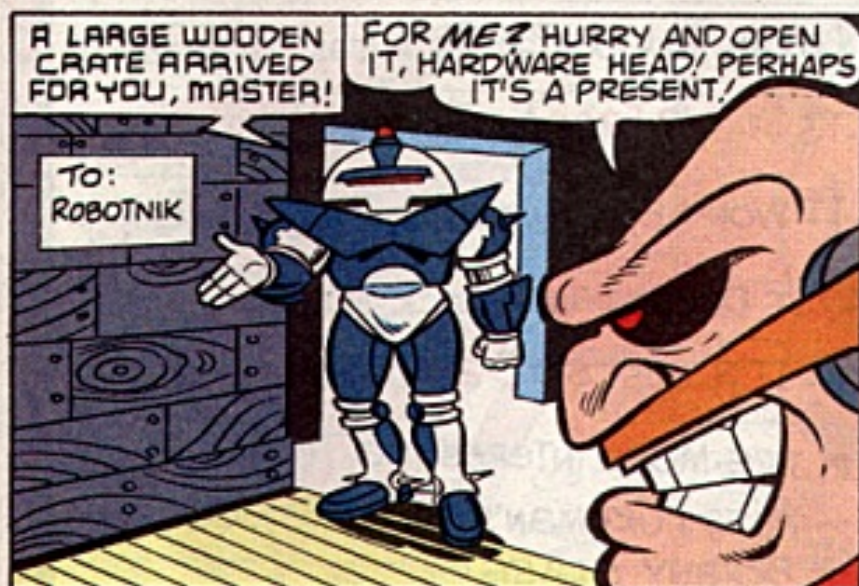
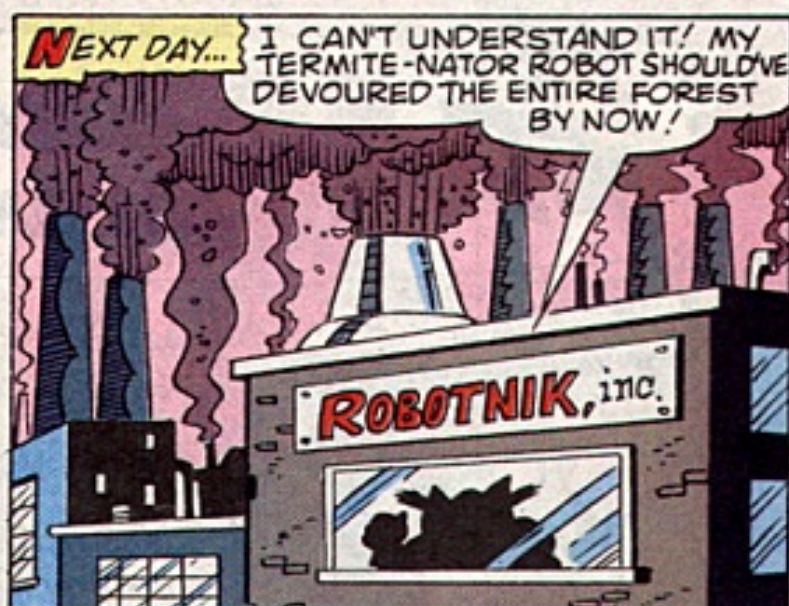
GOT  
IT!

DINK!









The End



# SONIC THE HEDGEHOG IN "FAST FOOD!"

YO, DUDES! BEING THE WORLD'S FASTEST HEDGEHOG HAS MANY ADVANTAGES! FOR INSTANCE...



HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CALLED BECAUSE YOUR DINNER IS GETTING COLD?

WE'LL WATCH THIS...

SONIC! YOUR DINNER IS GETTING...



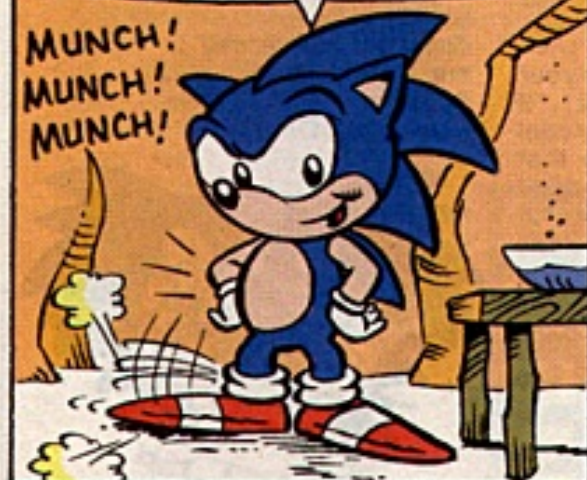
GULP!

...COLD!



SEE? I'VE STARTED EATING MY DINNER BEFORE SALLY EVEN FINISHED HER SENTENCE!

MUNCH!  
MUNCH!  
MUNCH!



OF COURSE, THERE'S SUCH A THING AS BEING TOO FAST!

SONIC, WHY DID YOU EAT THAT BOWL OF WAX FRUIT?



THE END



# SONIC-GRAMS

SEND IT TO SONIC-GRAMS, c/o ARCHIE COMIC PUBLICATIONS, INC.  
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ip it up, righteous, rapid readers! Velocity Vic and Posthaste Paul are here again to tear through the tasty tidbits rocketed our way by you, our faithful followers! Sonic and his pals are shell-shocked at all the letters you've sent in--so many that we had to print it on two pages this time! But that's all right--THEY LOVE THE ATTENTION! Speaking of attention, you'd better pay attention to your TV sets and video game stores, because ABC's SONIC THE HEDGEHOG Saturday morning cartoon show and the sensational Sega SONIC SPINBALL game are right around the corner! Remember, always BRAKE for BLUE Hedgehogs!

Dear Sonic and Tails,

I love Sonic comic books. I have issue No. 2, No. 3 and the new No. 1., No. 2, No. 3. I want to be Sonic for Halloween. Your pal,  
Scott VanSchilling  
Somerville, N.J.



Dear Sonic,

I love your comic books! I don't have a SEGA Genesis, but I have played Sonic 2 on Game Gear and the TV System. By the way, what kind of animal is Princess Sally? I know she's not a hedgehog like Sonic because she doesn't have quills. She's not a fox like Tails because her tail isn't big enough. And I'm positive she's not a Walrus like Boomer, so what is she? One more question, what is the fastest speed you can go? Oh, and issue #3 was really cool! I finally found out who the girl robot rabbit was. I liked how Robotnik built that huge burrobot, and you and Rabbot trashed it! By the way, cool shoes, man!  
Graham Smith  
Turkey Creek, KY

*You can stop going nutty, Graham--Princess Sally is a squirrel! As for how fast Sonic is, let's put it this way--in the time it takes to read this, Sonic can visit all the planets in the universe (even the ones we don't know about yet) and still be home in time for dinner!*

Dear SONIC GRAMS,

Hey Guys! I love the new SONIC comic! I'd do anything for one. For instance, last month I was at camp and I thought, I'M GOING TO MISS THE NEXT ISSUE! So I called my mom and had her come to camp and give it to me! See what I mean? Anyway, I just wanted to tell you guys I really think you're awesome!  
David Badgerow  
Cheybon, MI

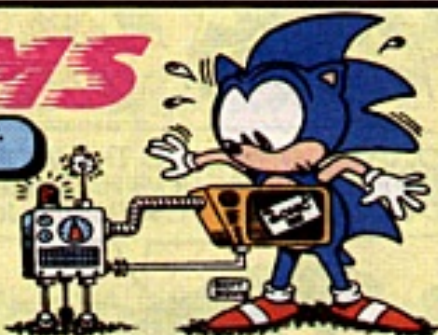
Hey Sonic Team,

I just realized that Mario and Robotnik have two things in common--they're both fat and extremely stupid! Just a suggestion--my friends and I think that another city besides Knothole would be cool. Like say, maybe a super tropical climate, like, really, really hot? Give Aluminum Butt an extra kick in the pants for me! I think I'll go play Nintendo--NOT!

Clique Stevenson  
Montgomery, AL

Dear Sonic,

You're totally cool! I love your comic and I just got Issue #1. It was awesome! I think it was cool when you refused to give that rusted robot a tip. I wouldn't have either! Your recipe for chili dogs is the best! And you couldn't have done a better thing to end the comic than blowing up the Casino Night Zone! Keep on Spinning!  
Rosemarie Makhmaltchi  
Charleston, SC



Dear Freedom Fighters,

I just got the September issue of your comic. I really love it! I wanted to ask you--will Sonic and Sally ever admit they like each other? Will you make Sonic trading cards or action figures? I hope so.

Charles Hodgkin  
Jachin, AL

**Action Figures and trading cards are on the way! Watch this space for upcoming announcements on both!**

Dear Sonic Grams,

I have issue #0, #1, #2 and #3 of your great new comic and it's a blast! My favorite part from all of them is "Meet Me At the Corner of Hedgehog & Vine". My favorite part is when that puke Robotnik gets humiliated when his robot plants burn up from the rain. I don't have a Sega Genesis yet but I might be getting one for Christmas, but if I don't I'll have to buy one myself--even though I was going to buy a mountain bike. I hope you make two issues a month because I keep looking forward to going to the store and buying Sonic the Hedgehog comic books!

Tony "My friends call me video wizard"  
Spencer  
Lewisburg, Ohio





Dear Sonic Team,

Sonic the Hedgehog is the fastest guy (hedgehog) I've ever known. I'm practicing to run almost as fast as him. He is my idol, and when the TV show comes out, you can count on me to watch it. Also, when Sonic 3 is in the stores, I'll be sure to buy it. Are you going to make a Sonic movie? Keep up the great work, Sonic Team!  
Pamela Aultman  
Washington, DC

Dear Sonic and Tails,

You guys are my idols. I think Bunnie the cyborg rabbit is cute. I've played Sonic #1 and #2-- they're cool! Could you answer this question: When is your TV show on? Also, why do you and Tails have the same shoes?  
Nigel Laut  
Ontario, Canada

*Tails simply idolizes me. He's got to be like me in every way--even down to my shoes! SONIC'S Saturday morning TV show will air on the ABC network beginning Sept. 18th, 8AM Pacific time; 9AM Eastern. SONIC will also be on Monday through Friday beginning Sept. 6th. Check your local TV listings for channels and times.*

Dear Tails and Antoine,

Tails, I really do think you deserve your own 3 issue mini-series. Maybe a 100 issue series! Please do me a favor. Make sure if you ever meet Robotnik please run circles around him so he could get real dizzy!

And Antoine, please stop being jealous of Sonic and Princess Sally. One day you might just meet someone just as good! Maybe someone even... uh... um, better? Well, maybe! It may take a while but it will happen.

Tails, please ask Sonic if he could ever do the Super Spin Dash for me. Also, if I have to wait all night to see the Sonic cartoon I will!

Marlena Gay  
Providence, RI

Dear Sonic,

Why are Sonic and Princess Sally in love? What channel is ABC? I read Sonic's comics as much as I can. It's a great comic. I loved how Sonic got Al's and Cal's names mixed up! I know you will not put my letter in your comic, but at least you can write back to me. I think Tails needs his own 3D mini-comic.  
Micah Yeagley  
Milton, FL.

**LETTER WRITING RULE #1:** If you tell us we won't print your letter, we will! As for your questions: 1.) Check your local TV listings to find out what channel ABC is 2.) If we knew what makes people fall in love, we wouldn't be working on SONIC comics-- we'd be **RICH!**

Dear Crabmeat,

You're my favorite Badnik. I think Dr. Robotnik should treat you better. Do you have a best friend? If you do, who is he? I'm 8 years old. How old are you? Does Dr. Robotnik make any girl crabs?  
Zach Abram  
St. Charles, MO.

**EXCUSE ME!**

What is this letter column called? SONIC-GRAMS--not CRABMEAT GRAMS!

*Shheeeesh!* I'll be sure to pass your letter on to Crabmeat-- NOT!  
Signed, Sonic.

## A FRATERNITY OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS!:

The following readers colored in page five, panel four of the issue #2 (regular series) story, "VERTIGO A GO GO!", thereby becoming **OFFICIAL FREEDOM FIGHTERS!** You can be dubbed one, too--just start coloring and send it in! **NEW DUB-EES:** Walker Sturdivant, Greenwood, MS; Matthew Martin, Ontario, Canada; Cole Marentte, Toledo, Ohio; Marlena Gay, Providence, RI; Catherine Reinoel, Lansing, MI; Jeremy Ezzel, Greenfield, TN; Emily Rigelsky, Midlothian, VA; Michael Mutimer, Ontario, Canada; Aaron Phelps, Morgantown, KY; Erin Walli, Los Osos, CA; Skylar Stokes, Ozark, AL; Matthew Dennison, Rock Springs, WY; Will Luckeydoo, Gallipolis, OH; Amanda Riddle, Benton, AR; Oliver Govett, Atherton, CA; Doug Peltz JR., Redlands, CA; Jennifer Gibson, Mexia, TX; Ian Heard, Mascoutah, IL; Billy Jarvis, St. James, MN; Marco Sousa, San Jose, CA; Jered Cramblett, Cascade Locks, OR; Adam Critchley, Corpus Christi, TX; Mack Creamer, Smiths, AL; Ryan Faust, Defiance, OH; Ruben DeJesus, Queens, NY; Bryce and Taylor Cello, Brookings, OR; Patrick Smith, Milton, W. VA.; Brad Weiss, Sask, Canada; Alex Wilder, Arcadia, FL. **LET FREEDOM RING!**

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**SONIC SPINBALL,** based on the hot new SONIC game from SEGA! Be there or be a BADNIK!

